

REPORT

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REMARKS.

10. Between 25 June and 10 July 1954, the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserns (2001) in Brandenburg was occupied to capacity by artillery units previously observed there. During this period, the units frequently left the installation toward Hohenstuecken. The following material and personnel were observed: 9 two-load 203-mm howitzers, 5 x 122-mm field howitzers, caterpillar tractors, trucks, field offices, field kitchens and up to 650 soldiers. The columns returned to the installation after 2 or 3 days. Motor vehicles seen

An Undetermined number of troops were repeatedly observed receiving basic training and engaging in aiming practice or physical training in the barracks yard. Up to 200 soldiers with signal equipment left the installation toward Hohenstuecken on several days. Reconstruction of the building at the intersection of Fouque Strasse and Magdeburger Strasse and construction of a shed and a garage was begun in late June.

2. From the number of lighted windows it was judged that the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne in Brandenburg was only partially occupied between 23 June and 14 July. Motor vehicles [redacted] were seen entering and leaving the installation. The reconstruction of a destroyed barracks had started.
3. Between 28 June and 11 July, the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne in Brandenburg was occupied to capacity by the artillery units previously observed there. The units were equipped with 203-mm and 122-mm howitzers. Soldiers observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Intensive training and heavy vehicular traffic were observed. Every third or fourth day, columns with two-load howitzers left the installation; they returned after two days. Soldiers with signal equipment were repeatedly seen leaving the installation toward the rolling hills. Motor vehicles seen on route to

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and from the installation [redacted]
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4. Between 14 June and 22 July, the Kraftfahrer Kaserne [redacted] in Rathenow was occupied as previously by a rocket launcher unit. No training other than physical training was observed in the installation. On 22 July, [redacted] driving school trucks [redacted] entered the installation.
5. Between 14 June and 22 July, the Infanterie Kaserne (5441), Pionier Kaserne (5442) and Ziethen Kaserne (5444) in Rathenow were occupied by only rear details. Sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery and motor transport insignia were seen in Ziethen Kaserne.
6. Reconditioning work was under way in the area of the former Special Construction Office between Schuetzen Strasse, Askanier Damm and Koergraben. On the town map, the location is called Kleiner Reitplatz. Temporary barracks were being constructed in this area which was surrounded by a board fence. Barracks and sheds had an estimated capacity of 300 to 400 soldiers and several hundred motor vehicles. After 18 July, the installation was guarded by Soviet sentries. On 21 July, trucks [redacted] entered the installation.
7. Between 6 and 19 July, the Kraftfahrer Kaserne in Rathenow was occupied by about 200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with motor transport insignia. Soldiers observed engaged in physical training and serviced motor vehicles. Motor vehicles [redacted] and driving school trucks [redacted] were seen entering and leaving the installation.
8. Between 6 and 19 July, the Infanterie Kaserne in Rathenow was occupied by a guard detail of 80 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets; the Pionier Kaserne by a guard detail of 120 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia; and the Ziethen Kaserne by about 100 soldiers including 80 men from the Rathenow Kommandatura. Supply trucks [redacted] were seen en route to Altengrabow.
9. Between 13 and 22 July, the Kraftfahrer Kaserne in Rathenow was occupied by 600 to 800 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. On 15 July, the installation was almost fully lighted at dusk. Theoretical instruction and physical training were the only activities observed. On 20 and 22 July, trucks [redacted] some of which were occupied by personnel, entered the installation. 2
10. Between 6 June and 20 July, the Hohenlohe Kaserne [redacted], the Ludendorff Kaserne [redacted] and the south section of Delius Kaserne [redacted] in Potsdam were occupied by only guard details and the Hohenlohe Kaserne, by a driving school [redacted]. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery and motor transport insignia. The north section of Delius Kaserne was occupied by an artillery unit, soldiers of which wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. About 90 percent of the windows of the installation were lit on several days of observation. The artillery unit frequently engaged in service of the piece drill on 4 to 5 x 122-mm field guns at Bornstedter Feld, opposite the installation. Prime movers of model Shts-Nati and YA-12, [redacted] were seen with the unit. Small details with signal equipment were repeatedly seen leaving the installation.
11. Between 25 June and 29 July, the Hohenlohe Kaserne was occupied by about 120 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor transport insignia, and the Ludendorff Kaserne by about 50 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. Trucks [redacted]

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[redacted] were seen en route to Ludendorff Kaserne. Between 25 June and the departure of the troops on 21 July, the north section of Delius Kaserne was occupied by about 500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, signal, and motor transport insignia; after that date, the installation was occupied by about 300 soldiers until 29 July. Prior to the departure of the troops, four prime movers with 122-mm field guns and small details with signal equipment were seen leaving the installation toward Bornstedter Feld on several days of observation. On 7 July, 20 caterpillar tractors with 20 x 152-mm gun howitzers were parked opposite the installation. In the afternoon, a column of 20 caterpillar tractors [redacted] and 16 field howitzers went toward Fahrland where they took position in batteries. Radio trucks [redacted] were already there. In the morning on 8 July, heavily soiled vehicles and guns returned to the installation. On 15 July, nine camouflaged caterpillar S-65 tractors [redacted] were seen in the Bullenwinkel area. No training was observed in the installation after 21 July. On 29 July, motor vehicles [redacted] were seen in front of the installation. 3

12. On 21 June, the north section of the former KdF-Bad [redacted] in Prora was occupied as previously by an AT unit of about 1,500 to 2,000 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Individual soldiers and about 12 temporary barracks, some of which were still under construction, were seen in the installation. About 130 soldiers with submachine guns received field training on the Mukran-Prora road. Truck [redacted] with a 57-mm AA gun entered the installation. 4
1. Comment. Prior to mid-July, the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne was occupied as previously by units of the 124th Hv How Arty Brig. [redacted] The partial occupation of the installation results from the fact that units of the brigade conducted small-scale exercises in the vicinity of the post and were rotated to Altengrabow for firing practices after 10 July.
2. Comment. The information does not indicate any change in the distribution of the known units of the IV Arty Corps in the installations of the Rethenow post prior to late July. [redacted] Between late June and mid-July, units of the 25th Gds RI Brig from Kraftfahrer Kaserne repeatedly conducted firing practices at Altengrabow. This probably accounts for the varying occupation strength of the installation. The units of the 6th Arty Div were in summer camps at the Altengrabow training grounds up to late July. The installation which is under construction at Kleiner Reitplatz may be a supply installation of the IV Arty Corps.
3. Comment. On 20 and 21 July, the bulk of the 30th Gds Gun Arty Brig from the north section of Delius Kaserne went to Altengrabow on four trains. [redacted] Since, contrary to the practice of preceding years, no brigade of the 34th Arty Div returned to the post from Altengrabow, the bulk of the division is believed to be stationed in summer camps at the Altengrabow training grounds.
4. Comment. The north section of the former KdF-Bad at Prora is believed to be still occupied by the 4th AT Arty Brig. [redacted]

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